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1. CONGEN HAS HAD FURTHER CONSULTATION WITH LOCAL PAN AM REP CONCERNING POSSIBLE INDIRECT SUBSIDIES TO PIA RESULTING FROM PRACTICES OUTLINED REF C. NEITHER PAN AM REP NOR CONGEN BELIEVE INSTANCES OUTLINED UNDER ANY SUBHEADINGS OF PARA 1 REF C APPLY HERE WITH FOLLOWING EXCEPTIONS:

2. WITH REFERENCE TO PARA 1-C REF C, LOCAL PAN AM REP NOTES THAT PIA WITH ASSISTANCE FROM EXIM BANK AND PRIVATE U.S. BANKS CLEARLY ABLE TO FINANCE NEW DC-10 AIRCRAFT AT INTEREST RATES MORE FAVORABLE THAN COULD BE OBTAINED BY PAN AM IN UNITED STATES.

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3. PARA 1-F: ALTHOUGH MAIL RATE IS SAME FOR ALL CARRIERS,

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PAN AM REP NOTES THAT GOP POLICY FOR GIVING OUT MAIL
FOR CARRIAGE CLEARLY FAVORS PIA, EVEN THOUGH SUCH PRACTICES
OFTEN RESULT IN DELAY IN MAIL HANDLING. PAN AM ESTIMATES
95 PERCENT OF OUTGOING MAIL FROM PAKISTAN IS CARRIED BY PIA.

4. PARA 1-G: ALTHOUGH RATE FOR MILITARY CARGO BELIEVED
STANDARD, GOP AGAIN CLEARLY FAVORS NATIONAL CARRIER FOR
CARRIAGE. PAN AM PRESUMES ALL PAK MILITARY CARGO
CARRIED BY PIA.

5. PARA 1-J: ALTHOUGH PAN AM REP KNOWS OF NO SUBSIDIES
FOR DOMESTIC TRANSPORTATION SERVICES OF PIA AS SUCH, HE
POINTS OUT THAT PAK GENERAL SCHEDULE FOR LANDING FEES ON
DOMESTIC FLIGHTS CONSIDERABLY LOWER THAN THOSE FOR INTER-
NATIONAL FLIGHTS. SINCE ALL DOMESTIC COMMERCIAL FLIGHTS
ARE CARRIED OUT BY PIA, ITS OVERALL OPERATIONS APPEAR
FAVORED IN RELATION TO THOSE OF FOREIGN CARRIERS IN RESPECT
TO LANDING FEES IN PAKISTAN.
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